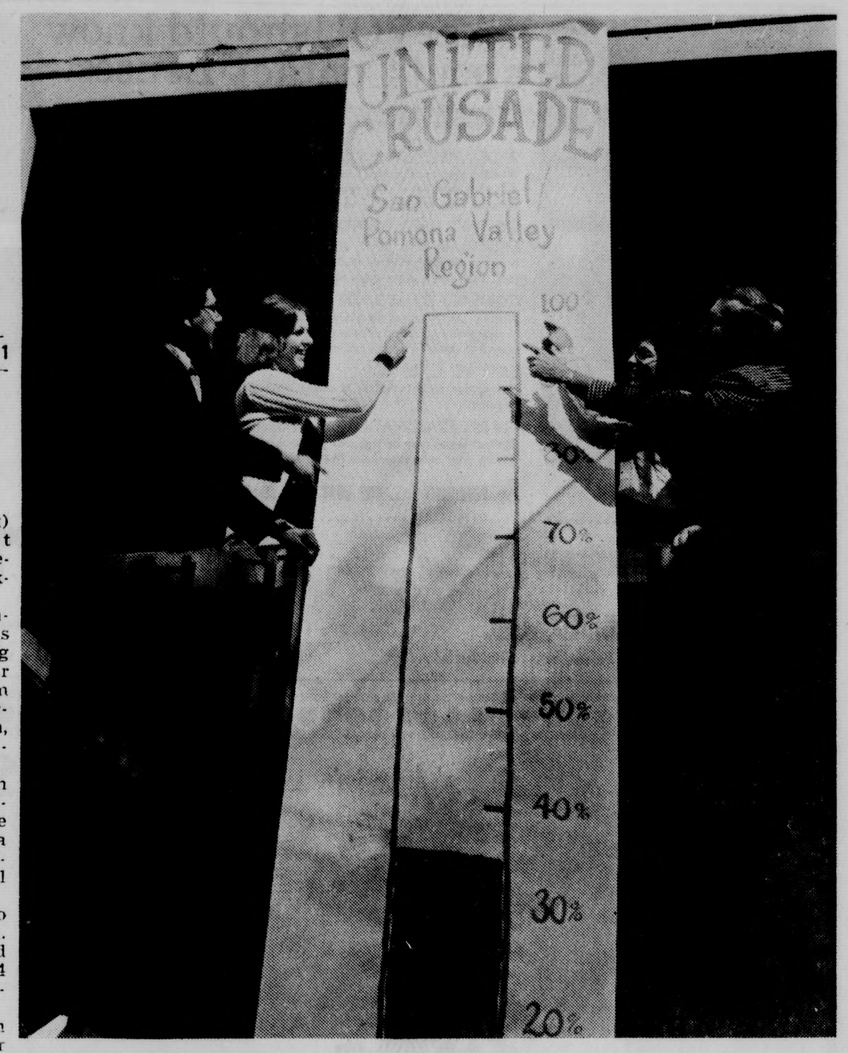
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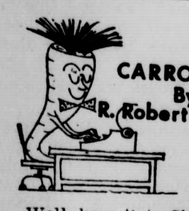
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UNITED CRUSADE IN REGION II that encompasses the San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys, has raised $1,286,019 of its total fund goal of $3,682,209. The huge thermometer indicates that 35 per cent of goal has been raised. A quartet of United Crusade workers point to the 100 per cent mark which will signal the campaign's successful conclusion when reached. In the photo, from left, Carlos Serna, Southern California Gas Company; Mindi Cotton, Sears, La Puente; Tina Tracy, Southern California Gas Company; and Robert Andrus, Pacific Telephone. Miss Cotton, and Miss Tracy are Miss United Crusade court members. Serna and Andruns are executives loaned to asssit the United Crusade.



Well, here it is Christmas, well almost, as this will probably be the last time you hear from me until after Christmas, for the next issue will be December 25 and you will not receive it until Friday, December 26 . . . . It is just like I told the girls last November, "This Too Will Pass" and soon Christmas will be here and gone . . . It will soon be New Years, it will be gone and we will be looking forward to Valentine's Day, School Closure and Fourth of July.

— CT —

Speaking about the New Years and the New Year Rose Bowl Game . . . I was all fired up this year, thinking maybe we would see someone else play in the Rose Bowl besides Ohio State. Seems that is the only school that I have watched in the Rose Bowl.

— CT —

I purchased tickets for the game, now I don't know whether I want to make the trip or not. The fact that UCLA won the honor of representing the Pacific Coast gave me some encouragement, but Ohio . . . ugg . . . Really what I was pulling for this year was Stanford and Michigan, this in my opinion would have been a real good tussle . . . .But Ohio and UCLA, brother I look for a rather large score . . . So may sell my tickets by game time?

— CT —

Seems that City Administrator David Lund cannot get over the attendance that we have at the City Council meetings in Sierra Madre, but he should have been City Administrator of a certain logging town in Oregon, where I attended a Council meeting.

— CT —

At this council meeting in Oregon, things were getting pretty hot and erupted into a roaring, no-holds-barred gun battle. After the violence finally subsided, the wounded had been carried off, the City Administrator asked what had caused the donnybrook.

— CT —

One of the loggers made the following explanation . . . . "Well, one of the Councilmen made a motion that was out of order."

"What for gosh sakes was the motion?" inquired the Administrator. "Toward his gun," was the tart reply.

— CT —

Say the Fireman's dance was sure a ball. Those of you that missed it sure missed yourself a good time.

— CT —

Just like the other day I was talking with one of our Volunteer Firefighters, who recently had his wife into a hospital for surgery. He was opening his mail and evidently had just received the bill for the operation for this is what he said . . . . "No wonder they wore masks in the operating room." And after I took a glance at it, I can well believe it. Bet they had guns strapped on their hips under those green robes.

— CT —

If you are not smiling now, I give up, there really isn't any use, we we'll turn to the "Spirit of Christmas" maybe this is what you have been thinking.

— CT —

'Tis the season for rejoicing . . . happiness . . . good will toward all men . . . The time of the year when you wish the very best for all, and never let it be said that the Staff of the Sierra Madre News is not at the top of the list in wishing all people within its reading range the merriest Christmas possible, and all the finer things for the year 1976.

— CT —

Far be it from us to disillusion anyone about Christmas, its traditions, happiness and spirit, but we pause at this time to note the true meanings of Christmas.

— CT —

Americans who dream of

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THANKS . . .

As usual, the citizens of Sierra Madre Area have again made the Sierra Madre Volunteer Firefighters' Christmas Dance one of the most successful in all of their 54 years of continuous performance.

The Christmas Dance is the one time during the year when your Firefighters band together to help in making it a very joyous time of the year. Their efforts of planning a Dance and Social Affair have been rewarded by your attendance on Saturday evening, December 13, plus the hundreds of citizens who sent in contributions so that the Friefighters could complete their anticipated programs for the youth and needy of our community.

It was a happy occasion, Saturday evening, when word passed among the Firefighters that the goal for the year had been achieved and that they would be able to realize the full program that they had planned.

It is each Firefighter's wish that each of you have a very Merry Christmas and the most for your desires during the whole of the year 1976.

Sierra Madre Volunteer Firefighters
Charles E. Brown, Chief of the Dept.
and his Forty-five Brownies

Volunteers For Toy Loan Sign Up Time

This is the time of year for Sierra Madre girls between the ages of 8 to 15 to volunteer to assist at the Sierra Madre Toy Loan. Duties include the light cleaning of the Toy Loan Building in Memorial Park, the sanitizing of toys, asd assisting Toyrarian Alice Holmes.

Other projects include serving at the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast in June and at the Civic Club Fashion Harvest in November; also preparing an entry for the Independence Day Parade each year. Toy Soldiers are sponsored by the Civic Club.

Interested girls may call Pat Scott at 355-3916 or Marian Adkins a 355-1371.

This is an opportunity to serve your community and have fun at the same time.

5 Sets Papers Now Out For Nominations

As the deadline approaches, for filing of papers in the forthcoming General Election for the City of Sierra Madre, it being Wednesday, December 24, interest in the securing of the two vacant seats seems to be mounting to the point of a very interesing election to be held on Tuesday, March 2.

As the apper goes to press this week we find that five prospective candidates have taken out papers with intent of filing before the deadline. Each prospective Candidate must secure 30 nomination signatures of qualified voters to be eligible to appear on the ballot for the election.

Prospective candidates are Robert Lichter, a businessman and commercial screen printer; Keith Workman, citizen; Gary Adams, professor; Jerry Adkins, local businessman, and incumbent Joseph Delgatto, Sr., businessman. Two vacated seats, that of Gordon Rudolph, who will not run again, and that of Mayor Joseph Delgatto Sr., will be the objective of the candidates. Also the City Clerk and City Treasurer Office will expire at the same time and nomination papers are expected from L. Marie Warfel and Marcus Woodward for those positions.

Ex-Alverno Pupil In 'Who's Who'

Lisa Unamuno, a graduate of Alverno High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Unamuno of Pasadena, and an international relations major at University of San Diego, has been selected to appear in the 1976 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

The University of San Diego is a private coeducational university comprised of a college of arts and sciences and four professional schools: education, law, nursing and business administration.

New Traffic Rule In Angeles Forest

Fifth District Supervisor Baxter Ward reports the Board of Supervisors has adopted an order requiring motorists eastbound on Big Tujunga Canyon Road to yield right-of-way to vehicles utilizing Angeles Forest Highway.

The County Road Department will post the signs alerting motorists of the new regulation aimed at increasing safety at the intersection, the supervisor said.

Installation Dinner Feb. 12

'Citizen of Year' Deadline Is December 30 At 2 P.M.

"Calling all Citizens of Sierra Madre," time is indeed running short for nominations for Sierra Madre's Citizen of The Year Award." The last time and date that nominations will be received will be at the hour of 2 p.m. on Tuesday, December 30.

The rules and regulations set down by the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce for this year's award is as follows: The nominee can be either a woman or a man, but must be a resident of the City of Sierra Madre. That the person so nominated must have given of themselves unselfishly to the benefit of the Citizens and City of Sierra Madre DURING THE CURRENT YEAR OF 1975. Nominations can be made on blanks furnished by the Chamber of Commerce Office or on paper of the nominator's choice, and are invited to send the name and paricturlars as to why the person deserves that honor, to the Chamber of Commerce office located at 49 South Baldwin by the time and date specified above.

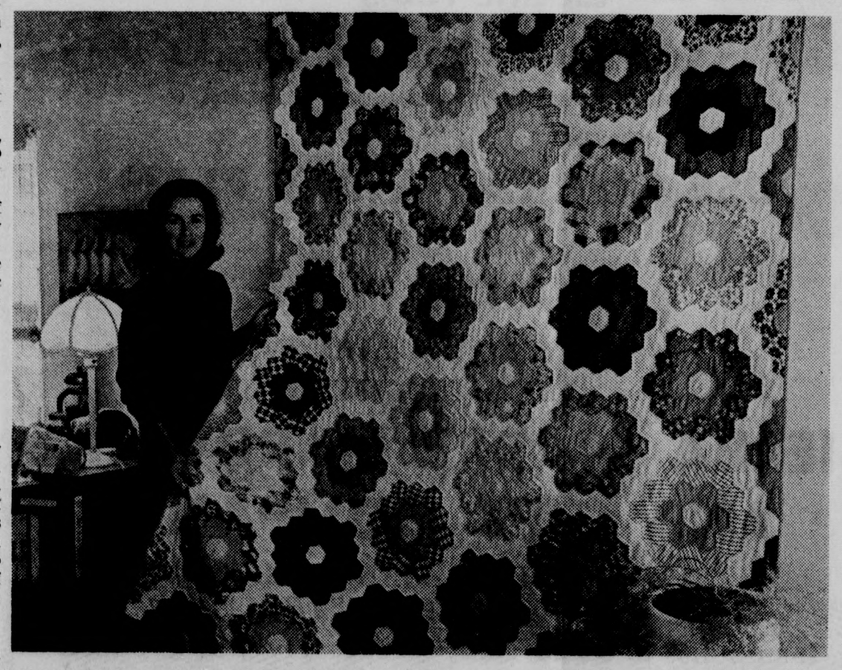
After this date the Chamber's Selection Committee will choose the Citizen of the Year. You must state your nominee's name, length of time in Sierra Madre and list qualifications you feel merit this person receiving this award. The person chosen for this coveted award will be honored at the Chamber's annual Installation/Citizen of the Year Banquet to be held February 12, at St. Rita's Church, Sierra Madre.

Previous recipients of the Award are: 1966 Bill Wark; 1967 Ruth Barden; 1968 Carl Hobson; 1969 Janet Wood; 1970 Rudolph R. Hartman; 1971 Myrtis Wait; 1972 H. Clay Reavis; 1973 Earl La Lone, and 1974 George Maurer.

Hastings Ranch Lists Christmas Committee People

Members of the Hastings Ranch Christmas committee are: Mrs. Louis (Sheryl) Medina, president and honorary mayor of the Upper Hstings Ranch Association, 3715 Cartright Street; Mrs. Nicholas M. (Carol) Esser, Jr., 1000 Medford Road; Mrs. Claine (Lois) Strickland, 1275 Dtveric Drive; Nicholas

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"GRANDMOTHER'S FLOWER GARDEN" — Quilting is th first love of Santa Monican, Ludy Strauss, avid collector of rare, traditi onal American quilts, some 125 years old. The "Grandmother's Flower Garden" quilt pattern supposedly originated with Martha Washington, and is made entirely of hexa gonal pieces sewn together. It will be included in the exhibition of quilts on view December 15th through January 9th at the Arcadia branch of Home Savings and Loan Association, 60 East Huntington Drive.

Freedom Train At Pomona Fairgrounds Dec. 23 To 30

Thousands of Southland residents will be offered an opportunity to view the American Freedom Train because of a unique cooperative venture involving nine cities from two counties.

The Freedom Train, billed as "A Moving Monument to American History," will visit the Los Angeles County Fairgrounds in Pomona, December 23 through 30 under the auspices of the cities of Chino, Claremont, La Verne, Montclair, Ontario, Pomona, San Dimas, Upland and Walnut. Arrangements for the visit have been made by the local Freedom Train Committee, which includes representatives from the nine cities. The Advisory Board includes Mayors Ray J. Lepire of Pomona, Paul Treadway of Ontario, Harold M. Haes of Montclair, Bertye Smith of Claremont, Jim Lough of San Dimas, Mike Morales of La Verne, Abner Haldeman of Upland, William Wentworth of Walnut and Bob McLeod of Chino.

Pomona civic leader Clemett L. Neibel is general chairman; former Progress Bulletin publisher Charles T. Richardson is advisor/general manager; La Verne business leader Bob Harris is chairman of the steering comimttee which also includes Neibel, former San Dimas Mayor D. F. (Buck) hooper, former Claremont mayor Ed Malan and Claremont civic leader Hank Maxwell.

The committee, which includes some 50 members, is responsible for coordinating municipal and volunteer services and resources from the nine cities such as security personnel, sanitation, traffic control, crowd management and gate sentries.

"Without the cooperation and assistance of the leaders and citizens of the nine cities we would have had a hard time getting the Freedom Train here," Neibel said.

The train will be open to the public daily from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. It will be closed at 6 p.m. on December 24 and will be closed on Christmas Day.

Tickets are $1 for children 3 to 12 years and for senior citizens 65 years and older, and $2 for ages 13-64. Reservations for tickets may be made at the committee box office located in the security building on the Fairgrounds. The telephone numbers are 629-0700 and 629-0344.

Tickets may also be ordered by mail by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Freedom Train Committee, Post Office Box 1776, Pomona 91769.

Name Your Club When Donating

Sierra Madre Toy Loan is a recipient of funds from the United Way only if you specify Sierra Madre Toy Loan when you donate. Under the current agreement between Sierra Madre Civic Club, which sponsors Toy Loan, and the United Way board, only designated moneys are provided for the maintenance of the local service.

Although Toy Loan is a sponsored activity of the Sierra Madre Civic Club, the costs require that outside funds augmen what can be raised by the hardworking members and a major part of these funds has come from the United Crusade Drive.

Sierra Madre Toy Loan serves approximately 200 youngsters with a toylending library which teaches them to be dependable and conscientious at absolutely no cost to the borrower. It also encompasses a character building organization of young girls who assist in the Toy Loan procedures.

Twice yearly, children who have cared well for the toys they have borrowed are honored at a public ceremony and allowed to adopt a toy.

All of those who are involved with this inspiring activity will appreciate your selection of Sierra Madre Toy Loan for your donation to United Way.

Arcadian Given High Selection

Bob Matthews, a junior majoring in public administration at University of Southern California has been selected to participate in the Washington, D.C. Semester.

The Washington, D.C. Semester is a program in which students attend classes and work in the nation's capital for an academic semester.

Each participant will receive 16 units of academic credit. The program is divided among field research, exposure to a number of administrative and public organizations, internships, group colloquiums and a thesis paper.

At USC, Matthews has been named to the Dean's List. He was president of Trojan Squires, a sophomore men's service organization. Matthews currently is a member of the Trojan Knights, a junior and senior men's service organization. He also is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, a social fraternity.

Matthews, a 1973 graduate of Arcadia High School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Matthews of 479 Harvard Dr., Arcadia.

19 Moves In Our City For November

New residents, or those making moves within the city for the month of November totaled nineteen according to a report received from the Sierra Madre Water Department.

Those signing up as responsible for the meter are as follows, their addresses have been eliminated for obvious reasons:

Carl E. Mellin, Giuseppe Clarizio, C. Douglas Pumprrey, Paul Neiby, M.D., Richard Shepman, Cady-McElwain Asso., William Plummer, Dennis M. Henslee, James W. Greth, Stephen Ryland, George Keahey, Sandor Junkunc, Walter F. Wegst, Jr., Dennis D. Wong, Jose Santos Alvarez, Simon Sharon, George Sanchez, Richard Lavender and Richard Kundich.

WEATHER IN SIERRA MADRE
By Sierra Madre Water Department

	High	Low	Prec.
Dec. 10	86	41	
Dec. 11	67	41	Tr.
Dec. 12	59	48	.02"
Dec. 13	50	38	.46"
Dec. 14	56	37	
Dec. 15	60	32	
Dec. 16	71	34	

Total rainfall to date 1.06"
Year ago to date 4.37"
2 years ago to date 2.93"
3 years ago to date 5.84"
(Season period starts October 1 ends September 30)

For the Month of December

Christmas Post Cards On Display In Public Library

A large and impressive display of Christmas post cards can be found this month in the glass display case at the Sierra Madre Public Library. Traditional Christmas greetings were sent by post card at the turn of the century, and those colorful Santa Claus cards are prized by collectors today. Santa first made his appearance on postal greeting cards as early as 1874 when general Christmas postals were first making their appearance in the United States and England.

Santa wasn't always a fat and jolly fellow. Most of the early cards, circa 1907-1912 pictured him as a thin, bleak-looking beggar wearing a dull-colored, long, fur-trimmed coat. This image comes from an early legend about St. Nicholas who was a bishop famous for his generosity. He was the patron saint of sailors, children and young people, and was the source of holiday giving.

The Dutch brought the legend of St. Nicholas with them to the new world. Through their influence, he lost his lean look and became a rotund, chuckling, and good-natured old gentleman with elfish humor. He was re-clothed in a bright red suit with a shorter coat and black boots. His long, flowing beard became shorter and curly. Thomas Nasi, a German immigrant, gave Santa his reindeer and sleigh about the time of the Civil War.

One of the areas emphasized in the collection of Santa cards now on display is that which shows Santa using a variety of means of transportation. Some show him riding a polar bear, or on a motorcycle with a side car; others picture him driving a Model-T Ford, flying a bi-plane, at sea in a motor boat, a-mount a humble burro, and, of course, in his sleigh.

Some of the card publishers produced series of cards in which Santa crosses the sky, lands on a roof, descends the chimney, places the gifts under the tree and in the stockings and is almost caught by the children. Each artist tried to outdo the others in developing Christmas scenes for Santa.

The purpose of this display at the Sierra Madre Library is to share the development of Santa as a part of our culture with the public. If you or any of your friends have old postal cards you would like to donate or sell to the collection, please contact Mr. Bill Boyd at 286-0655 or write to him, P.O. Box 814, Temple City, CA 91780.

Santa Anita Opens Soon

Telly's Pop, the two-year-old who speeds on the race track and causes traffic jams in the winner's circle, is among 24 young horses nominated to the $50,000-added California Breeders' Champion Stakes at Santa Anita Park on December 27, first Saturday of the winter-spring meeting.

The only horse ever to win the Western Juvenile Triple Crown, consisting of the Del Mar Futurity, the Norfolk Stakes at Oak Tree, and the California Juvenile Stakes at Bay Meadows, Telly's Pop has earned recognition and popularity two ways.

He has proven his talent for running with these three big 1975 victories, and he

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Children's Christmas Party Dec. 24

Your Sierra Madre Volunteer Firefighter's Annual Christmas Party for the children of the community has been definitely set for 7 p.m. Wednesday evening; this being the time given to the Firefighters for the arrival of Santa Claus in Sierra Madre Memorial Park.

The time will be 7 p.m. sharp, due to other commitments of Santa for his long Chrismas Eve and morning travels.

The Christmas Party this year will again afford the younger children an opportunity to sit on Santa's knee and give him an earful for their morning expectations.

Lines will be set up in Memorial Park by the Firefighters and each boy and girl passing through the line will be given a stocking full of nuts, candy, apple and popcorn balls, and this year the stocking will have hidden in them a toy which will be suitable for boys and girls of almost any age.

Fathers and mothers are welcome to bring the younger chillren to meet Santa Claus, but are told that the time will be sharp as it is expected that Santa will only be able to spend thirty to forty-five minutes with the children and then be on his merry way. This is the 54th annual party staged by the Firefighters and is paid for by receipts from their annual Christmas Dance held this year on December 13.



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Carols By Candlelight December 21 At Sierra Madre Bethany Church

On Sunday, December 21, 6:30 p.m. Carols By Candlelight will be presented by four choirs of Bethany Church, Sierra Madre. This informal service of carols from around the world will be sung in the church sanctuary. Candles and greenery will set the mood for the evening. Appearing in the service will be the Chapel Choir (high school - college) directed by Marvin McKissick, the Choraliers (junior high) directed by Frank Blosser, the Crusader Choir (4-6th graders) directed by Barbara Gibson, and the Carol Choid (2-3rd grades) directed by Sandy Hartigan. The choirs will be accompanied by instrumental ensembles with organ and piano.

The public is corditlly invited to this hour-long service of Christmas carols. Bethany Church is located at 93 No. Baldwin in Sierra Madre.

Altadenan Given University Award

Kim Judkins of Altadena has received a prestigious Chancellor's Performance Award in music at the University of California, Riverside.

Given each year to an outstanding entering UCR student, the grant totals $600.

"This award gives us an opportunity to bring the most talented students in the performance area to the UCR campus," according to Edward R. Beardsley, associate dean of the Division of Fine Arts.

More than 100 students applied for the 1975-76 awards in art, dance, music, photography and theatre, Beardsley said.

Judkins is a freshman.

LOOKING FOR PERFORMANCE ADVERTISING RESULTS LOOK TO THE SIERRA MADRE NEWS

Orchid Hobbyists To Meet Dec. 18

The San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists will hold their regular meeting at 7:45 p.m., Thursday, December 18, at the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum, 301 North Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia.

The guest speaker for the evening will be Dr. George Kennedy, professor of Geochemistry and Geology, Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics, University of California at Los Angeles. His talk, entitled "Showy Orchids That No One Grows," will be accompanied by slides and information on where these orchids might be obtained.

Visitors are always welcome.

Bethany Church Features Caroling On Christmas Eve

Bethany Church in Sierra Madre will hold a special Christmas Eve Carol Sing around the large Christmas tree in the patio on the 24th from 7 o 7:30 p.m. The Sunday school children will all be singing Chrismas songs.

All friends and neighbors are invited to share in an open house in the Sunday school rooms with refreshments following. Mr. Al Elby will be leading this enjoyable evening that includes a surprise for the children. In invitation says: "If your family would like to be a part of Bethany's family Christmas, join us at 93 N. Baldwin Avenue in Sierra Madre. For more information call us at 355-1403."

Rev. Armin Hesse With Snday Topic

In the 10:30 Sunday morning pre-Christmas service at Faith Lutheran, 845 Hastings Ranch Drive, the Senior Choir will give a Christmas choral presentation under the direction of Edgar Plischke. Organist Marilyn Baumbach has selected Luther's "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come," Brahms' "Behold, A Rose Is Blooming," and Otterstad's "Fanfare." Pastor Armin Hesse will give an address on "What's Inside the Parcel?"

The Christmas week schedule lists:

Christmas Eve Worship at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, with the Sunday School pupils presenting a drama and carols under Mr. Dennis Dressler and with Kenneth Euken at the organ.

The Chritmas Morning Family service is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Thursday, with Pastor Hesse speaking on "What's the News?" Organ selections by Miss Baumbach will include: Held's "Christmas Carol Settings," Pachelbel's "Von Himmel Hoch," and Manz' "Wie Schon Leuchtet."

The Active Christian Teens will have a caroling and party on Saturday evening of this week. Next Tuesday night the college students and young singles are invited to an evening Christmas fellowship at the Dressler home.



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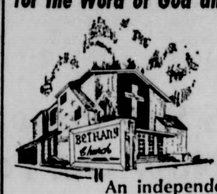
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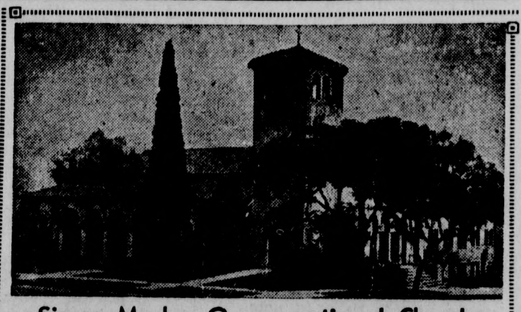


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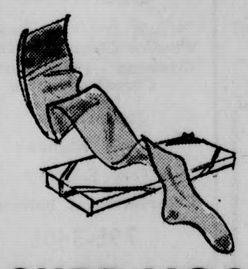
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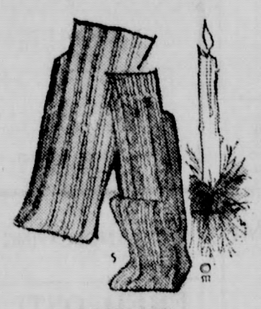
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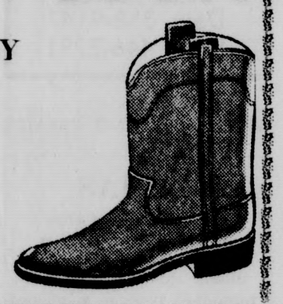
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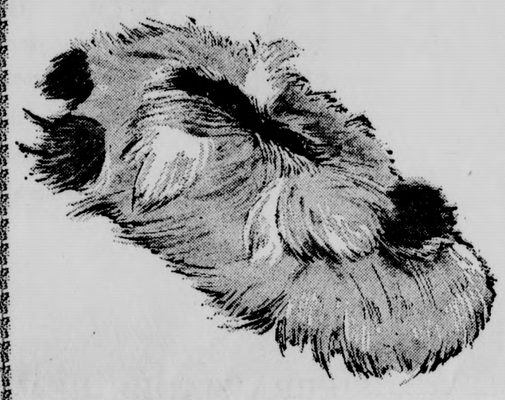


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Just in time for the holiday season, the Workshop fee of $15 would make a class such as "Calling Dr. Bio," "For a Breath of Fresh Air" or even "Blast Off . . . Model Rocketry" an ideal Christmas gift.

Specific classes, geared toward students from kindergarten to 12th grade, help kids become involved in the inner-workings of computers, chemistry laboratories and the basic principles of aircraft.

One course, "Amateur Radio," for grades 6-12 (adults welcome, too) includes information that helps students prepare for the FCC license test. This and other courses fulfill merit badges requirements for Boy Scouts.

There are three individual sessions starting January 10, February 7, and March 6. Classes are offered from 9-11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Some classes require an additional lab fee. For further informtion call 749-0101, extension 231.

Dear Editor:

Recently, there's been a lot of interest in auto inturance, and we thought you and your readers might be interested in a brochure we've produced on that subject. It's set up in a question and answer form. We tried to select the 30 most frequently asked questions.

It's designed to help people have a better general understanding of personal auto insurance. Obviously, the brochure is only a supplement to and does not replace the insurance policy as written.

Some of the questions and answers could be used in a column on auto insurance. Please feel free to quote this material or use it as background information.

If any of your readers would like a copy of this brochure, they may write: Safety, Box 777, Boston, MA 02116.

215 Persons Sent To Prison; 111,756 Burglaries; 22,861 Arrested In County

"Only 215 persons have been sent to prison this years for burglary — a $40 million crime in Los Angeles County."

So said Supervisor Kenneth Hahn in calling for a plan of action by the district attorney's office to combat burglaries.

"There were 111,756 burglaries committed on the home in 1974," Hahn said. "Only 22,861 persons were arrested."

"This means the odds of a person committing a burglary and being sent to state prison are one in 519, or less than two-tenths of one per cent," Hahn said.

The supervisor explained the relationship of drug use and burglary also is chronic because 86.7 per cent of those convicted of narcotics offenses had one or more arrests for crimes against property.

District Attorney John Van de Kamp has advised Hahn he is taking action by giving a high priority for prosecuting burglaries in the county.

"The tragic statistic is so many burglaries are committed on homes," Hahn said. "A person's home is his castle .It must be protected."

Hahn believes there is great interest in stopping bank robberies or thefts from businesses, but the No. 1 emphasis should be to end burglaries in homes.

"What obviously is needed is a more vigorous prosecution of known burglary offenders rather than hiring more deputy district attorneys, police officers and court clerks," Hahn said.

County supervisors unanimously adopted Hahn's request for an all-out program of enforcement.

Hovering Angel To Be Placed Fri., December 19

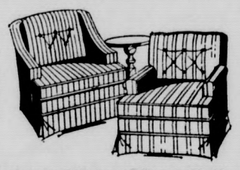
Friday, December 19, at 11 o'clock in the morning, will be the dedication of our new hovering angel, and placement by one of the students of St. Ritas. Along with the placement will be carol singing by the youngsters, and you're invited to attend.

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Frances Rouse Yearbook Staff Member For 1976

Frances Rouse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James O. Rouse of this community, is serving as a staff member on the 1975-76 yearbook at Central College in Pella, Iowa.

Miss Rouse is a graduate of Pasadena High School. She is a freshman at Central and is a French major.

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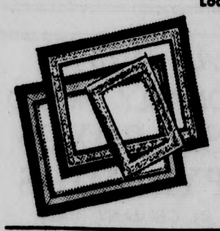
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The film is called "Childbirth For the Joy Of It" and shows five different unmedicated births, in hospitals, with the husbands present. The film is from the parents point of view, capturing the emotions of husband-coached natural childbirth, and has been approved for use in the Los Angeles City Schools. It is acceptable for family viewing.

The Arcadia office of Home Federal Savings and Loan Association of San Diego will present another in a series of Invitational Theatre Programs on Thursday, December 18 at the Fashion Park Theatre. Free tickets for "How Sweet It Is" are available only at Home Federal's Arcadia office located at 1111 W. Huntington Drive, Arcadia. The film will be shown at 10:30 a.m. with doors to the theatre opening one hour earlier.

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Consumers To Be Heard In L. A. ounty

Shirley Goldinger of West Los Angeles, a home economist and longtime consumer advocate, has been selected by the Board of Supervisors to be the director of the newly created Department of Consumer Affairs for Los Angeles County.

Mrs. Goldinger, who now serves as president of the Consumer Federation of California in Los Angeles County, is also a member of the board of directors of the Consumer Federation of America.

The new agency, she said, will handle consumer complaints and inquiries, will conduct public hearings and investigations and will prepare referrals to enforcement agencies, as necessary, to resolve complaints. In addition, the new department will provide consumer information to consumers and merchants on applicable consumer affairs regulations and will provide consumer education material to the public.

"I am very pleased to have been selected by the Board of Supervisors to head the new consumer agency and know that this department and its program will provide valuable assistance to all the citizens of Los Angeles County.

Mrs. Goldinger comes to her new post with a solid background of training in her new field. She graduated with a B.S. degree in Home Economics from New York University and with a M.S. degree in Home Economics Education and Consumer Economics from the University of California at Los Angeles. She is a member of Omicron Nu, the national honorary society for Home Economists. In addition, she served as a high school homemaking teacher in Los Angeles, teaching consumer economics, foods, nutrition and home management and vocational homemaking, and has lectured extensively on consumerism before university, college, church, PTA, labor union, senior citizens and other groups.

She has been a strong and active spokesman for consumer protection legislation in Sacramento and in Washington, D.C., and has been recognized for her consumer leadership by the City of Los Angeles and by the California State Assembly.

At the present time, besides serving as president of the Consumer Federation of California in Los Angeles County and as a board member of the Consumer Federation of America, she is a consumer representative on the U.S. Department of Agriculture Board on Meat Labeling, and a member of the Advertising Review Council of Southern California.

Hugo G. Maurer Buried Dec. 12

Funeral services for Hugo Godfrey Maurer, Sr., 82, of Sierra Madre, was conducted Friday, December 12, at 2:30 p.m. by Rose Hills Mortuary in Memorial Chapel. Interment followed in Rose Hills Memorial Park.

Mr. Maurer, a resident of this area for 51 years, and former longtime employee with C. F. Braun Co., was born in Michigan, and died Tuesday, December 9, in West Covina Hospital.

He is survived by a daughter, Lucille V. Foltz; two sons: Gordon L. Maurer and Hugh G. Maurer, Jr.; a sister, Hilda Andre; a brother, Roy Maurer; 13 grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Federal Loans On Low Interest For Fire Losses

Supervisor Pete Schabarum announced that low interest federal loans are available to Los Angeles County residents and businesses because of the recent fires above San Dimas, Tujunga and Sierra Madre.

Schabarum said the federal government's designation of the county as a "disaster area" following the destruction caused by fires that bnrned across more than 60,000 acres authorized the Small Business Administration (SBA) to take action.

Business loans, home loans and personal property loans will be given priority handling by the local SBA office.

Schabtrum said information available to him out of Washington indicated the interest rate on such loans would be 6.58 per cent on limited loans.

The Supervisor said he had been informed by the County's legislative representative in Washington that the low interest rate would apply to business loans up to $500,000, home loans up to $50,000, and personal property loans up to $10,000.

Application deadline for the loans, said Schabarum, is February 2, 1976.

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Classes offered this spring are:

Indoor gardens, a 6-week workshop for first and second grade students meeting once a week after school. Class discussion and projects center around learning the importance of plants, the function of each plant part, and basic propagation and care of plants. Students will make succulent cuttings which they later arrange in a planter. Each student will also make a terrarium. All projects are for the students to take home.

Container gardening, a 6-week workshop for third and fourth grade students. Students will learn the basics of growing plants in containers. They will grow annual flowers from seed and then transplant them to containers to be taken home. They will make cuttings for a hanging container and put together a simple jute hanger. For a final project the students will plant and learn to care for bulbs in a container.

Vegetable gardening, an 18-week Saturday morning workshop for fifth and sixth grade students. Working with their own plot, students will learn the importance of soil preparation and plot planning. Each student will draw a plan showing which crops are to be planted where and the proper spacing for maximum growth. Students will develop an understanding of the warm and cool season crops and which crops are more easily grown from transplants and which from seed. They will also learn the proper care of their plants and when they are ready for harvest. All crops grown are the students to take home.

Plan propagation, a 10-week workshop for seventh, eighth and ninth grade students. Students will practice many of the mehods of propagation and will learn how to care for their plants during propagation. Students are shown how to propagate many house plants and they will put together several projects to take home.



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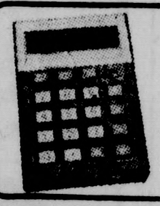


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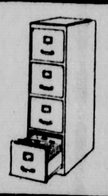
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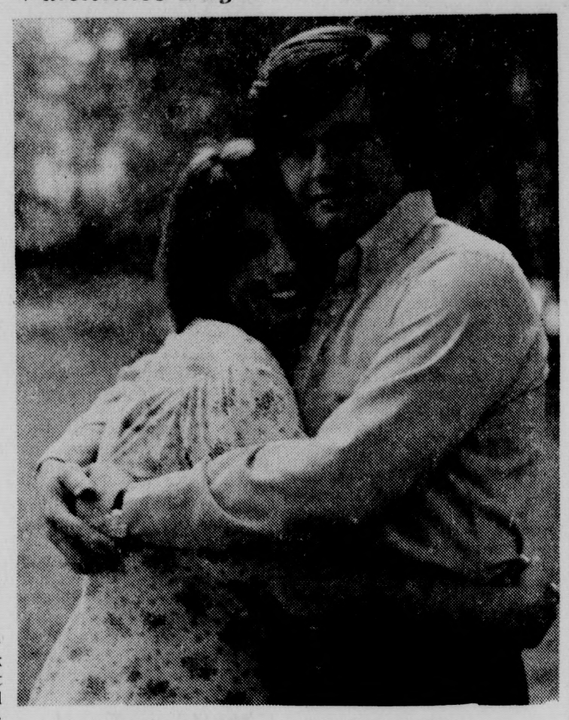
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In June 1970 I was working for Eastman Kodak in NYC earning my way through college, when along came a fellow worker from Calif. no less, who was living with his parents in Greenwich, Connecit cut. They were transferred there for five years, his dad an executive with Kodak. We became good friends, buddies, and every Christmas and summer from 1970-1974 he visited me in New York.

Fletcher Duke graduated from the University of California in 1971. In 1974 he graduated from Hastings Law School, San Francisco. He received an L.L.M. in Taxation from New York University School of Law in June 1975.

In June 1975 his family moved to La Habra, Calif. His dad was transferred for the last time!

The time he spent at New York University we became closer and our relationship developed from good friends to very best friends. I became engaged May 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Parker had a party in our honor on Saturday, November 1. Relatives and close friends gathered to meet the newly engaged couple and their parents.

I graduated from Alverno 1964. I received my AA from Pasadena City College. From 1968-69 I was a VISTA volunteer in Rochester, New York. I received my BA from Marymount Manhattan in 1971 and my Masters from Adelphi in Speech and Theatre. While residing in New York City I taught Speech, Film and Theatre at Ursuline School, New Rochelle, New York.

We're getting married February 14 in La Habra. We will reside in San Francisco where Fletcher now practices Tax Law at Bank of America.

I have a picture, if you want to use it, go ahead. I think it's a bit much.

So, there it is. I could tell you better than write it. You can write so well, so do what ya want. And let me know when you'll get it in.

— Carol Parker

EDITOR'S NOTE: It is my personal feeling that she has told it better than I could write it. What a nice way to tell all her friends about her forthcoming wedding. Congratulations to Carol and Fletcher.

County Requests Live Christmas Trees For Parks

Citizens who decorate their homes with living Christmas trees this holiday season have been invited by Fifth District Supervisor Baxter Ward to take their trees to the nearest county park after the holidays.

Trees collected by the Department of Parks and Recreation will be taken to the department's Marshall Canyon Tree Farm for later replanting at facilities needing new trees.

The program is designed to enhance park environments while aiding apartment dwellers and others who do not wish to discard living trees and lack room to plant them.

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Is it legal to not be hired because you don't meet a chart specification on height and weight?

W. A., San Francisco

Dear W. A.,

As far as we know, there are no laws on the books which specifically prohibit discrimination because of weight or height. In fact, several occupations such as police and firefighters have stringent regulations in this area.

However, there are laws which require employers to prove that the requirements for a position are "bona fide occupational qualifications." That is, that physical requirements are necessary in order to perform one's duties.

The "county standards" which you mention may be related to insurance or health requirements. You should find out more about why the standards were set, and then ask the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission for a ruling.

Another option open to you may be the Fair Employment Practices Commission which reviews cases of employment discrimination based on race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry or sex. They have recently added discrimination based on physical handicaps to their list of prohibited employmen practices, and you may be able to file a complaint with them. Good luck to you.

— Anita Miller

The California Highway Patrol will drive intermediate-sized Dodge Coronets in 1976. A bid for 1,511 patrol vehicles was awarded on December 10 to Swift Dodge at a unit price of $4,530, according to Leonard Grimes, director of General Services, and Glen Craig, CHP commissioner.

School Board To Comply With Court Order To Return 91 Students; Appeal

Preparations have been completed for the smooth transfer of the 91 Audubon students who had either been redistricted or volunteered to attend one of five schools when the Audubon kindergartens were converted to Fundamental classes.

On December 11, the Superintendent's Office notified, in writing, the parents of the children involved that their students would be returned to Audubon Primary School on Monday, December 15, as a result of the decision of the U.S. District Court.

The principals at the five schools concerned — Burbank, Linda Vista, Noyes, Don Benito and Franklin were informed to expect these transfers.

The Transportation Department sent instructions to the 91 parents informing them where their children will board the buses which will take them to Audubon Primary School on Monday morning. Parents received the instructions in the mail Saturday, December 13.

The school district has assigned the appropriate number of regular certificated teachers to Audubon who met their classes on Monday morning.

In addition the two funcamental kindergarten classes at Audubon School have been assigned as a group with their classroom teachers, one to Sierra Mesa Fundamental School and one to John Marshall Fundamental School.

The Board of Education is still trying to obtain a stay of implementation of the court mandate. If the stay is granted, all students will remain in their present schools of attendance and the reassignment will not take place.

The Board of Education sincerely hopes that the stay will be granted and that all the confusion and unnecessary inconvenience to students and their parents will be avoided.

It should be noted that the parents of only 11 of the 91 students involved have requested to return to Audubon. The others are being forced to return because of the Court order.

The Board has no other course of action because not to comply with the Court order means that all members of the Board would be subject to contempt of court action.

Christmas To Be Program Theme

In keeping with the spirit of the approaching holiday season, Pasadena's public schools have planned a variety of Christmas programs for students anl staff and parents and community member who wish to attend the performances.

The schools have submitted the following dates and times of their holiday programs:

Sierra Madre, December 17 - 18, 7 p.m.; Edison, December 18, 1:45 p.m.; and Pasadena High School, December 18, 7:30 p.m.

Ed McFaul Given 20 Year Honors

Ed McFaul of Sierra Madre was recently honored on his twentieth anniversary with an insurance company, according to Robert H. Barge, Jr., associate vice president.

McFaul was presented his service pin at an informal ceremony in the companies' Pasadena regional office, where he works as an insurance agent.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, he came to California in 1952 and moved to Sierra Madre in 1965. He started with the company in their management training program and became a supervisor before transferring to sales in 1961. He is currently a senior account agent, licensed to sell and service all insurance and financial services offered by his company. He is a graduate of Woodbury College.

McFaul is president of the Tee Ball League in Sierra Madre and is a member of the board of directors of the Sierra Madre Athletic Association. He also coaches a soccer team for 7-8 year old boys. In addition, he enjoys sailing.

McFaul and his wife Shirley have five children, Ed 18, Kathleen 16, Susan 14, Kelley Ann 12, and Sean 8.

Christmas Eve at First Congregational Church of Los Angeles will feature the traditional candlelight service at 11 p.m. as a special tribute to Roy Roberts, the late well-known character actor of movies and television. For information, phone 385-1341. First Congregational Church of Los Angeles is located at Sixth Street and Commonwealth Avenue.

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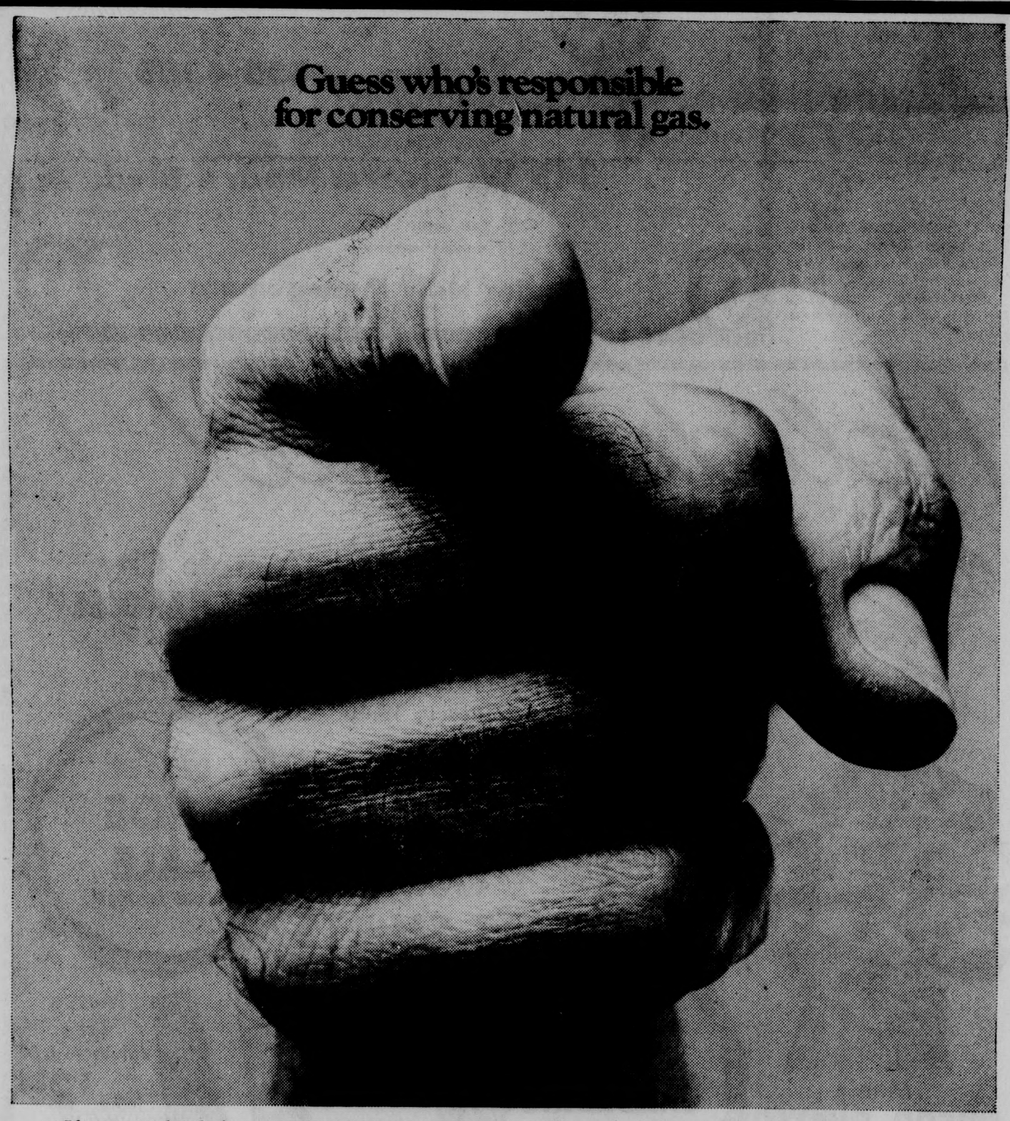
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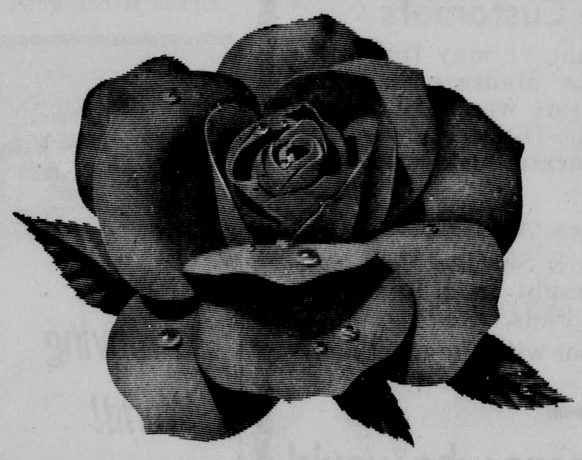
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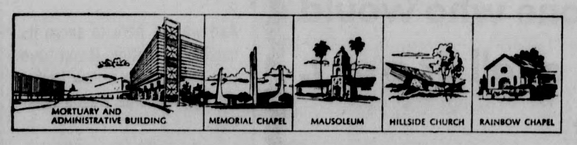
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Three distinguished professionals have been selected to judge the 61 floral floats, entered in the New Year's Day Tournament of Roses Parade.

The three were selected for the 1976 festival by Association president, Ralph S. Helpbringer.

The judges will determine the winners of 18 major awards, commemorating the Parade theme, "America, Let's Celebrate!"

In line with the three-year Bicentennial observance, the Bicentennial Trophy was initiated for the 1975-1977 Rose Parade. This timely award is presented to a parade entrant who most effectively depicts the Bicentennial celebration in the United States.

The panel of judges includes: George T. Akin, 46; John Henry Dudley, 63; and Ronald D. Miziker, 35.

The 1976 Rose Parade judges are no strangers to the New Year's Day festivities in Pasadena. Dudley has viewed the last 21 parades. Akin, a long-time resident of Southern California, has also frequented the annual floral pageant

Miziker had an inside view of the Tournament of Roses when he helped with the Disney presentation of "50 Happy Years," which lead off the 1973 festival.

Judging of the floats commences 48 hours before parade time at eight construction sites, and is completed with a final inspection, in the formation area, at dawn on New Year's Day. The results are announced prior to the start of the Parade.

Decisions are partially 5based on general over-all beauty, execution of the Parade theme, excellence of design, originality, use of flowers, and the photogenic impact on the live and television audiences.

The judges also consider the freshness of the flowers, costumes and minute details of construction. Floats must be entirely decorated with only fresh flowers and greenery in its natural state.

The judging panel works in coordination with acting chairman Roy L. Coats, and his Tournament Judging Committee.

Malcolm Todd, MD., immediate past president of the American Medical Association will be a guest speaker at a multi-hospital staff meeing to take place at Santa Teresita Hospital in Duarte, on Monday, December 15 at 7:30 p.m. in Madonna Hall.

Letters To Santa Claus

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In 1975, cancer will take the lives of about 3,500 children under 15 and about half of them will die of acute leukemia, a cancer of the blood-forming tissues — a notable reduction from the maximum deaths (4,615) recorded in this age group in 1965.

Coronation Ball Dec. 27 Has A Few Tickets Now

"America, Let's Celebrate!" is the theme of the 1975 Tournament of Roses Presidential Ball sponsored by the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce.

The black-tie gala will be held at the Huntington-Sheraton Hotel on Saturday, December 27. The Georgian Room will be the Bicentennial setting for the cocktail hour to begin at 7 p.m. Dinner will be served in the Viennese Room at 8 p.m. with dance music provided by the popular Larry Larson Orchestra.

Among the honored guests will be Chamber President Robert K. Leishman and Tournament President Ralph S. Helpbringer. Dr. Harold L. Enarson, president of Ohio State and Dr. Charles E. Young, Chancelor of the University of California at Los Angeles are also expected, with distinguished guests to be announced shortly.

Queen Anne Elizabeth Martin and her court will be presented during the evening.

Chairing this year's Presidential Ball is Mike Justus, assistant public relations director of Ambassador College. Peggy Smith of Design Focus is in charge of decorations and Winifred Veronda, Caltech, Sally Hoff, St. Luke Hospital and Irene Struthers are handling publicity. George Mannschreck, Pasadena Federal Savings and Loan Association, is in charge of company ticket sales. Entertainment is being arranged by Walter Hoefflin, Tournament of Roses, and William Logan, Pasadena City College. Tournament representative Mal Meguiar will host the Queen and Court.

Other committee members are Ormly Gumfudgin, Gumfudgin Enterprises, Bardella Mason, Home Savings and Loan, Wilma von Domarus, Pasadena Art Glass, and Stefane d'Avad, L'Affaire Unique.

Presidential Ball reservations are $20 per person and are availble on a first-come, first-serve basis. Tickets may be obtained by contacting the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce at 795-3355.

The overall incidence of cancer among men is increasing, but among black men the incidence is substantially higher, reports the American Cancer Society. The cancer mortality rate per 100,000 population has increased by 50 per cent for black men against 16 per cent for white men. In black women, the mortality rate has been declining at a rate of three per cent while in white women the rate is nine per cent.

Mother of Twins Meets Dec. 13-14

Ou Saturday, December 13, 7:30 p.m., the Santa Anita Mothers of Twins and their husbands will be guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Braccio, Monrovia, for their annual Christmas party. The event will feature a catered dinner and reservations must be made in advance. For more information in regards to the dinner please call Mrs. Berry Waldrep, 286-6528.

The holiday season will find the Santa Anita Mothers of Twins' children awaiting the arrival of Santa on a fire engine. After Santa's arrival he will present each child with a small gift. This event is scheduled for Sunday, December 14, 2 p.m. at a department store in Arcadia. All twins have been asked to invite their brothers and sisers to the event. Mrs. Ed Ramsden is chairman for this event.

The Santa Anita Mothers of Twins Club is based in Arcadia, P.O. Box 1184, and includes the San Gabriel Valley area. It is affiliated with the Southern California Mothers ow Twins Club and the National Organization of the Mothers of Twins Club.

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Out of the Cobwebs of Our Files

Sixty-five Years Ago:
December 23, 1910

The Sierra Madre basketball team plays the Monrovia High School Team this afternoon at Monrovia. The Sierra Madre lineup is as follows: Mildred Rasmussen, Catherine Schwartz, Elsa Krafft, centers; Mabel Olsen, Isabelle Craig, Ruth Wright, guards; Dorothy Camp, Lenore Pogue, forwards. Miss Dorothy Humphries acts as coach and Mrs. Sawday accompanies the team today as chaperon.

Municipal ownership of the entire Sierra Madre water supply and distributing system is logically the next step to be taken in the solution of the local water quesion. That such a step is bound to come at some time in the future is admitted by practically every citizen who has given the matter any study. If the court should make an award favorable to this city in the Baldwin condemnation suit now pending, and for which this city recently voted $40,000 in bond, the holdings of the Water Company should be transferred to the city at once.

Several Sierra Madre teachers have been attending the annual teachers' institute in Los Angeles this week. The number includes Mrs. C. B. Jones, Misses Etta Dickson, May Blakeman and Clarice Merrell of the Los Angeles schools, and Misses Climie and Gertrude Cook of the Pasadena school.

Long hours, almost as long as those of a newspaper man, have been the lot of Postmaster Yerxa this week. For the accommodation of patrons of the post office he has kept the office open till eight o'clock each evening. Both the incoming and outgoing mails have been larger than ever before and a carefully planned system of work has been necessary to prevent congestion and delay in distributing the local mail as well as sending the outgoing mail on time.

Fifty-five Years Ago:
December 26, 1920

W. J. Stevenson of Long Beach has purchased the Canyon store and invoiced the first of the week. Mr. Stevenson came to California a year ago from Regina, Sasketchewan, to visit relatives and liked the country so well that he says he never wants to return.

The outgoing mail at the Sierra Madre post office for this Christmas season has been the largest in the way of bulk that has ever passed through this office. Postmaster Morgridge has worked after midnight hour every night the past week in order to get the mail out in the proper trains.

The home of A. L. Jameson and wife of 470 West Highland was ransacked Saturday night about 9 o'clock and furs, silverware and Christmas presents were stolen. The latter had been wrapped and were ready for delivery.

Some of the residents and business men of Sierra Madre Canyon object to so many inquiries about "Carter's Camp." Carter's Camp is not in existeance. It is called and is known as Sierra Madre Canyon. It is a subdivision of Sierra Madre and a beautiful place to live.

Mrs. A. M. Udell entertained with a charming party Tuesday afternoon in honor of her little daughter, Hazel, the occasion being her tenth birthday. The house was attractively decorated in accord with the holidays. The afternoon was enjoyed with games and dancing. Dainty refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Thomas Henderson.

Harold Hart graduated last week from the Agricultural School of the University of California. He returned home Tuesday with Mrs. Hart and Karl, who went north to attend graduation exercises.

Thirty Years Ago:
December 20, 1945

Lt. George W. Groth, Jr. is spending a few days with his father, Dr. George W. Groth, and the family, enroute to Pacific sea duty. He has been at Fort Dix, N.J. and flew to the West last Saturday. He will be attached to the San Francisco Port of Embarkation, as surgeon on a troop ship.

The many people in Sierra Madre, who made possible

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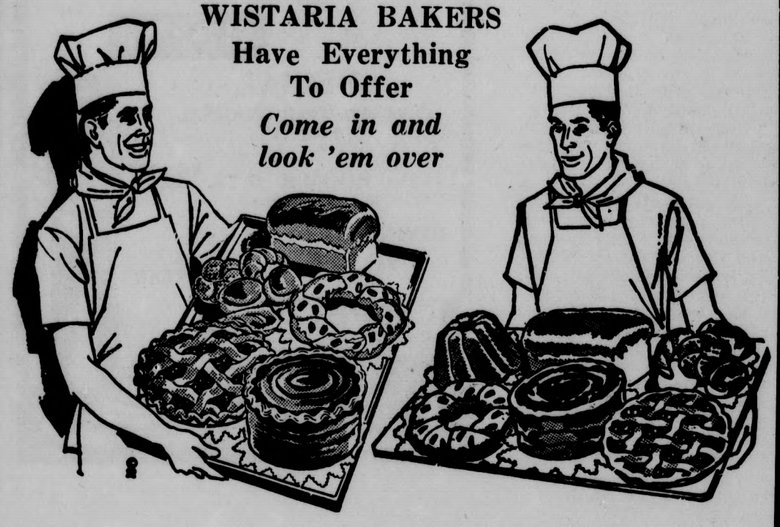
Neighbors . .

Blood donors, both individuals and groups, are invited to take part in a special blood drive at the City of Hope on Saturday, December 13, between 10:15 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The fourth annual La Fiesta de Los Angeles Parade of Lights will be held on Saturday, December 13, beginning at 6 p.m. in downtown Los Angeles.

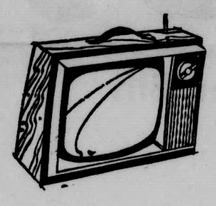
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Neighbors . . Out of the Cobwebs of Our Files

Walter Mathau and The Fifth Dimension will serve as co-grand marshals for the La Fiesta de Los Angeles Parade of Lights, December 13, in downtown Los Angeles. The parade will begin at 6 p.m. at First St. and Broadway, travel south on Broadway to Seventh St., then west on Seventh St.. to Hope St.

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Buttler, 162 Santa Anita Ct. are the parents of a daughter born December 16 at the Huntington Memorial Hospital.

Yuletide at the British Home was an English Christmas which started Sunday afternoon when English bell ringers called and gave a program of carols.

Be careful this year with the kind of lighting used for Christmas trees. And by all means watch that no one stands too close to an open flame while adorned in their inflammable night array. This is really bad. Pajama material is most inflammable — please be careful.

The Sierra Madre Library is in receipt of an Arthur Rackham bibliography, beautifully illustrated with samples of his work, a gift of Grace Clark Haskall. Mrs. Haskall, though a resident of Altadena, is very interested in Sierra Madre as it was the home of forebears, while Mr. Haskall is the architect of our proposed new public library.

Ten Years Ago:
December 16, 1965

Douglas R. Delahooke is and will continue to be a busy man in 1966. Doug was elected president of the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce at the board of directors meeting last Tuesday, December 7. He succeeds outgoing president Ronald E. Thurston. Doug is well known to all the Chamber members for he has served for four years as vice president.

Stop signs were authorized at W. Montecito at Auburn; W. Montecito at N. Lima and N. Sunnyside at W. Montecito, and $900 allocated to the Parks and Recreation for drawings of Sierra Madre Vista Park improvements.

The Fund Drive for the Toy Loan Building Fund got off to a good start this week when it was found that $386 was sent in to go toward the needed amount of $2,000. Contributors are urged to send in their contributions as soon as possible, so that construction can start as soon after the first of the year as possible.

The improving healh of Eda Hobson (Mrs. David H.) of 276 E. Laurel has this family planning ahead as far as New Year's Day, when they expect to be hosts to a niece and her husband, Dr. and Mrs. D. E. Davis.

On the night Christ was born, legend says, all the trees burst into bloom. Thus began many stories about the Christmas tree. Early folk tales described a huge tree in the midst of a forest. The tree held many candles, some straight, some upside down. At the top was an infant with a halo around his head it was believed that the tree represented humanity. The candles, up and down, symbolized people, good and bad. The infant was the Christ Child.

Interest On All Impound Accounts Given By B of A

Bank of America has announced it will pay interest to home mortgage borrowers on loan trust fund accounts for periods during which funds are being accumulated for payment of property taxes and home insurance premiums.

The bank said approximately 70 per cent of the more than 220,000 mortgage accounts of all types in its real estate loan portfolio will be affected by the change. These include FHA and veterans home loan accounts for which accumulation of funds in anticipation of property tax and insurance premium payments is required by law. They also include conventional home loan accounts where anticipatory accumulation has been optional with the borrower for the past two years.

The bank said interest on trust accounts will be paid at its regular passbook savings rate less costs involved in providing customer services for tax and insurance premium payments. Historically, customer services on these accounts have been provided without charge and costs have been absorbed from interest earned on the balances, a spokesman said.

Trust accounts will begin earning interest on January 1, 1976, the bank sail.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

I am sick and despondent. I would appreciate it if you would ask your readers to send me a card or letter, to help cheer me up.

In this troubled world of ours, I know that somewhere there is a lot of good in a lot of people.

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(Editor's Note: Dear Sam, what have you done for mankind that you feel others should spend their time and money to "cheer you up"?)

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

By now most Americans must be aware of the terrible textbook controversy that has been raging for months in West Virginia. The trouble is, though, that the controlled media have withheld from you the depth of the vileness and filth with which the textbooks are filled. And now the "Liberal" counts have decided the matter (at least for now) in favor of the filth and against the parents.

You see, most of the people in Kanawha County, West Virginia, are fundamental Protestants. Like many people of other denominations, they believe the Holy Bible is literally true, and they feel that sodomy, fornication, adulery, and blasphemy (among other things) are contrary to God's law. Thus they were outraged when they learned that their tax money was being used to purchase textbooks for their public schools which condoned and often advocated these sins.

Parents went to court to charge that government action was being used to violate their right to freedom of religion. Their reasoning was that "secular humanism" is a religion in itself and that, since it was being promoted by the required textbooks, their First Amendment rights were being violated.

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Elizabeth Molengraft

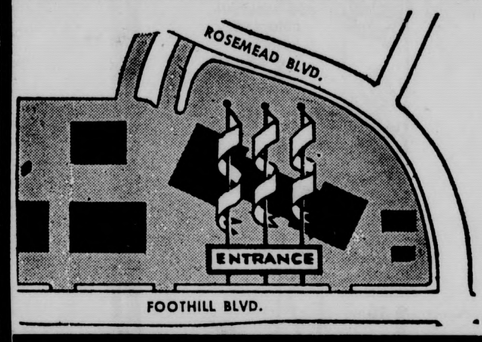
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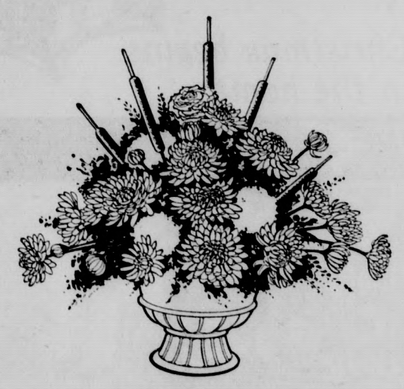
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by Thomas O'Hara

Q. — In my daily paper, there is a column on the stock price section called Yield Can you tell me what that means?

A. — That mean that the stock pays a dividend and that a cash dividend on the price at which the stock closed that day gave you a return of a certain percentage if you bought it at that closing price. In other words if the stock price was $14.25 and the annual total dividend was $1, then the yield would be 7.0 per cent. You get that percentage by dividing he annual dividend, $1, by the price, $14.25, which comes out to .07017 or simply 7.0 per cent.

The paper carries that information to help you compare various stocks for yield without your having to do any of the mathematics.

Some stock tables also carry a column headed P/E. That is an abbreviation for price-earnings ratio and is merely the figure you get by dividing the current price of the stock by the latest 12 month's earnings per share.

Q. — Can you tell me about a stock that should benefit from the food shortage the world seems to be now facing?

A. — In answer to a similar question a few weeks ago we drew attention to some stocks in the fertilizer business and some which made pesticides. A company which has been a top quality company in the seed business Dekalb AgResearch, Inc., had had some problems in the past year, which along with the nervous state of the stock market, have brought its price down to the most reasonable level it has sold for in a long time.

The company is a leading factor in the production and sale of hybrid seed corn. Its sales were $46 million in 1965 and grew to $256 million in 1974. In the same period earnings per share went from $.26 to $1.88. From hybrid corn seed the company has moved into soybean and wheat seed and into chicken breeding. Recently it has started a swine breeding program.

Dekalb does not pay much of its earnings out as dividends. It paid only $.10 a share in 1974. But it does increase the dividend regularly. This company was written up in greater detail in the December issue of Better Investing, and we'd be glad to send a copy to any reader who requests it.

* * *

Mr. O'Hara welcomes your questions but will answer them only through this column. He would be pleased to send a complimentary copy of "Better Investing Magazine" or information about Investment Clubs to any reader requesting it. Send 20 cents for postage and write to: Today's Investor, P.O. Box 220, Royal Oak, Michigan 48067.

IRS May Contact You For SS No.

The Internal Revenue Service is contacting approximately 64,000 Southern California taxpayers by mail to resolve discrepancies in their names and social security numbers, W. H. Connett, IRS district director, announced.

Connett said persons receiving IRS document CP 2011 from the IRS Fresno Service Center are being asked to verify the spelling of their names or to provide the IRS with their correct social security numbers. This is being done to correct errors found on wage and other earnings information documents submitted to the service center by employers and lending institutions where taxpayers have interest-bearing accounts.

"This notice does not mean the taxpayers owe any additional tax," Connett emphasized. "We will contact them in person later if we find any discrepancy between the amounts reported on the information documents and their individual income tax returns."

Connett said some taxpayers may receive more than one CP 2011, and advised those persons to complete each notice and return it to the service center in the envelope enclosed with the inquiry.

B of A To Offer Retirement Accts.

Bank of America will offer Individual Retirement Accounts to eligible individuals, starting December 1.

The bank said it will introduce an IRA plan offering a choice of five different accounts with varying maturity periods and interest rates.

Individual Retirement Accounts are do-it-yourself retirement programs for individuals not covered by other qualified pension plans.

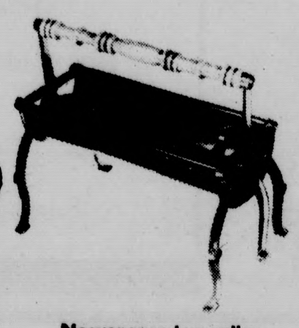
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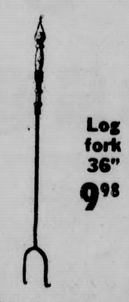
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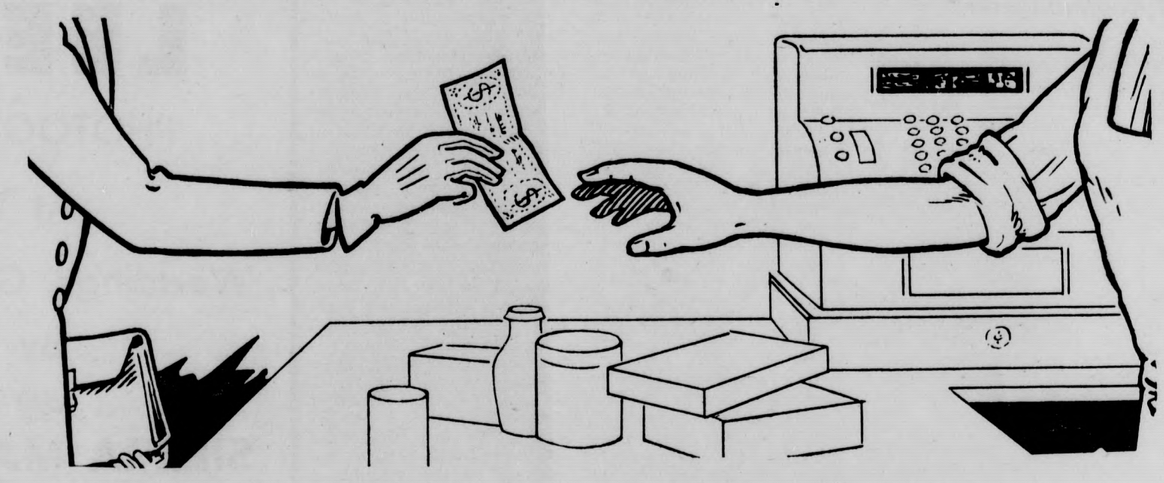


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Republic Savings To Construct New Offices

Construction will start this month on a new 4,500 square foot building to house the Pasadena regional office of Republic Federal Savings it was announced by Arthur L. Ferris, chairman of the board.

To be located on the northeast corner of Washington and Allen streets next to the existing Republic office, the building will be of contemporary design and will include a modern safe deposit vault with space for 5,000 boxes.

The new facility will provide the latest in equipment and convenience to the public with both a patio walk-up window and an automobile drive-up window.

Mr. Ferris stated, "We are building a new facility to fill our customer needs which have increased tremendously through the years. We first opened in September 1961 with 1,500 square feet. Our plans for three times the floor space, 5,000 safe deposit boxes and abundant free parking should satisfy the needs for many years to come. This improvement will bring our investment to over $400,000."

The design is by architect Robert F. Gordon, AIA, interiors by Charles Kratka and building construction by Meskell and Sons, Inc.

County Supervisors Look At Malpactice Crisis Help

Supervisor Ward Recommends

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Baxter Ward recently took the first step toward averting the rapidly developing medical malpractice insurance crisis. Speaking to the Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Ward stated:

"The County of Los Angeles has, on a continuing and urgent basis, explored all avenues in an effort to aid its citizens in anticipation of the ultimatum delivered by the medical profession. I have been advised there is no legal authority to require doctors to practice medicine.

"Two avenues of approach have been considered. The first is the possibility of the County of Los Angeles instituting a class action against insurance companies to prevent cancellation of policies or rate increases pending legislative actions in Sacramento. Another stop-gap measure would be the creation of a special fund for the benefit of patients and doctors to underwrite damage awards or insurance payments.

"I am advised that the County might not possess the legal authority to bring such an action nor to create such a fund.

"The problem is statewide, although the effects are more dramatically seen and the tragic consequences more severely felt in the County of Los Angeles. Such solutions affect the entire state. Appropriate legal action should therefore be brought by the State Attorney General.

"I therefore move (1) that the Attorney General be requested to furnish a legal opinion as to the right of counties to enter into joint power agreements with each other, with cities or with other agencies in order to establish a malpractice fund to be used for the benefit of patients and doctors; and (2) that he be requested also to furnish an opionion as to whether class actions may be brought by individual cities or counties in the state against insurance companies to prevent cancellation of policies or rate increases pending legislative action or whether the state must do so. In the event he determines that pursuant to legal limitations local governments cannot bring such actions, that he, the Attorney General, be requested to immediately bring such an action on behalf of the State of California and all of its citizens."

In a separate motion by Supervisor Baxter Ward, County personnel were directed to immediately develop an extension of emergency hospital services and to establish whatever contracts are necessary to assure all patients of emergency aid.

County personnel were further directed to establish, by Friday, a 24 hour emergency phone number to assist health care providers in quickly securing emergency health care in serious emergencies. In general, the public should continue to call local fire departments for emergency care service.

Supervisor Ward stated, "Regardless of the action Sacramento takes, we must guarantee that no person in need of medical treatment is forced to go looking for a hospital or looking for a doctor to treat him. The first duty of government, our responsibility, is to protect the health and well-being of the citizens of the County of Los Angeles."

Letters To The Editor

Editor's Note: The following letter was sent to Governor Brown by Senator Richardson, and is self explanatory.

Dear Governor:

It was with a high degree of dismay that I read about the possibility that the Nativity scene would not be displayed this year on the grounds of the State Capitol. If this is true, I think it would be a great mistake, whatever grounds are used as an excuse.

I believe that now, more than ever, our state and our nation needs high moral ethics and spiritual guidance to look up to, and I know of no higher moral plane than that espoused in the teachings of Jesus Christ. The Nativity scene is a symbol to all, Christians and non-Christians, of the purity and goodness which the Christmas holiday should represent, and not to allow it display in so beautiful a setting as our State Capitol would be frivolous.

If you, indeed, plan to provide our state with high moral leadership, I can think of no greater way than to mark the eve of our nation's bicentennial by authorizing the Nativity display.

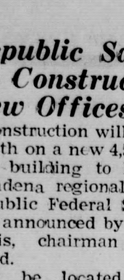
I realize there are some non-Christians who oppose this symbol of Christianity, despite the fact our nation was founded by Christians in an effort to find religious freedom. I would only ask those people that if they do not want to honor Christ by celebrating the Christmas holiday, would they be willing to work Christmas day and keep the Capitol and other places open?

I do not wish to deny anyone the right to celebrate the religion of his or her choice in any legal manner, but neither should people of other religious beliefs deny Christians, who are in the great majority in the United States, the right to celebrate their holiest of days in traditional ways.

Governor, as a Christian I request your intervention in this situation and to take action to see that the Nativity is displayed on the Capitol grounds as has become traditional.

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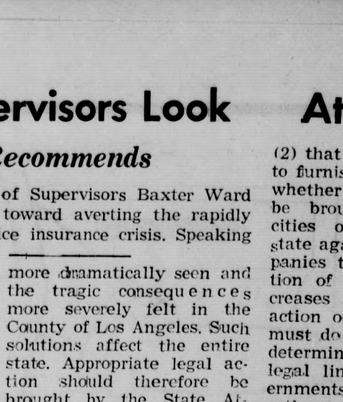
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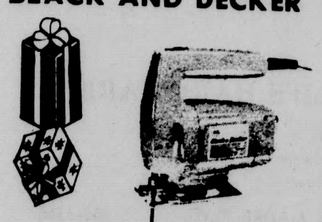


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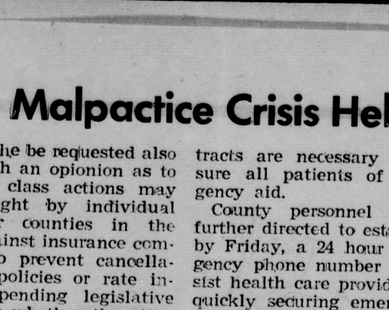
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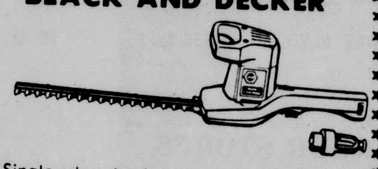


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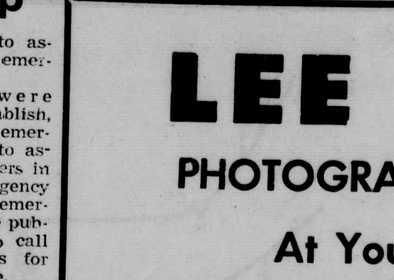
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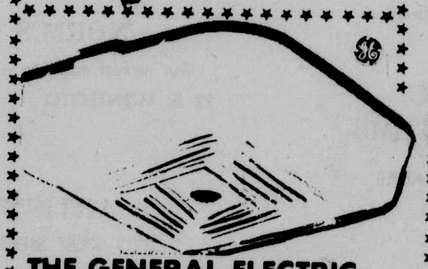


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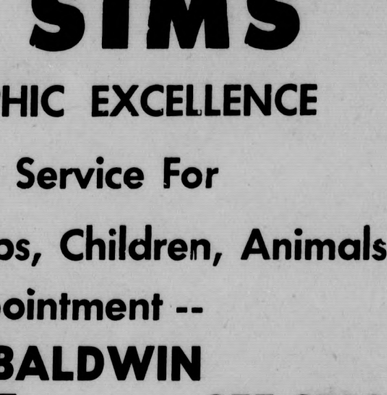
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Editorially Speaking

The End of Tax Aid For Athletic Enterprises

Sacramento voters overwhelmingly rejected a proposal to add ten cents to the property tax to build a sports complex. The vote was 57.738 no to 41,298 yes.

The issue is of significance statewide for several reasons. First of all, it illustrated the maximum in bad timing. Taxpayers had just received their property tax bills, tax bills which had risen markedly due to increases in both assessments and tax rates. It also was the first time many had received the notices under a new state law which required the buyer to receive a copy of the bill. which previoulsy, in many instances, went only to the mortgage holder.

It also probably indicates the days of promoters using taxpayers to provide complexes for their enterprises may be ending in California. Only Sacramento and the San Jose area would appear to have populations large enough at present to consider a major sports complex.

The Sacramento promotion followed almost classic lines used in other cities to promote sports complexes. The most recent have been Detroit, New Orleans and Seattle.

There was no organized opposition to the complex. Even the County Taxpayers League of Sacramento endorsed the measure, concluding it would bring in more money than it would cost the taxpayers.

Both major newspapers endorsed the measure and ran articles showing how other cities had benefitted from sports complexes.

Civic groups joined in the list of those supporting and the ballot arguments stated there was no argument against the measure. Civic pride was appealed to as the sports complex was promoted as the one thing needed to convert Sacramento into a lesser sports capital.

Why, then, did the issue fail so totally?

One factor in the failure may be resentment from county voters over a convention center which voters twice rejected and then was built by the city and county through a joint powers agreement. The newspaper articles explaining why the convention center would be good for Sacramento were almost identical to those promoting the sports complex, only the name had been changed.

But the voters probably deserve greater credit than mere resentment over past abuses.

Sacramento is too close to San Francisco for citizens not to know what is happening at Oakland Coliseum and Candelstick Park. Declining attendance has increased rumors that at least one of the major league baseball teams will leave. Taxes on seats, which have priced many of the events out of the pocketbook of most people, are failing to meet the obligations in at least one instance.

At Candlestick Park the Giants owe $125,000 in rent due since last February. And the park will cost $600.000 from hotel tax funds and $400,000 from city property taxes this year, according to the latest news. The indications are that the costs will continue to climb as attendance at both Giant and 49er games declines, giving less taxes from ticket sales.

In March of 1973 "Fortune" magazine, in an article titled "It's Promoters vs. Taxpayers in the Superstadium Game" reviewed the history of superstadiums and the article reads as if it were just written about Sacramento's promotion.

Granted, the Sacramento proposal was considerably more modest. But the techniques were the same.

"Fortune" reported "a relatively modest stadium can cost upwards of $30 million — and then fail to make enough money to pay for itself. Most, therefore, are financed with bonds issued by state. county, or city governments that are supposed to be paid off by revenues derived from the project. But in practice these revenue bonds almost always turn out to load an open-ended general obligation upon the taxpayer.

"The taxpayer rarely understands what he is in for when a stadium project is first announced. To drum up public support, the advocates of a stadium generally understate the probable costs. which invariably balloon as construction proceeds. They also overstate probable revenues by anticipating multiple uses for the structure — rock concerts, races, fireworks displays, and conventions — that in actuality dwindle to a few. The stadium's recurring deficits prove to be much higher than promised, and the taxpayer discovers that civic pride has been compromised by special interests. blind boosterism and inept planning. Taited with deception. the 'can-do' spirit becomes vitiated by a lingering bitterness than can undercut a city's ability to finance other and perhaps more important projects."

The "Fortune" article pointed out that stadium planners are not inclined to think small and expensive frills are added to create a monument.

The Houston Astrodome, which set the pattern and whetted the appetite of those who aspire to build the "Chartres Cathedral" of stadiums, has not paid its way. In 1971 it lost $569,000, but the related enterprises, the baseball and football teams, the hotels and amusement park, all made money.

Seattle. which does not have either a baseball or football team, has completed a 65,000 seat stadium at a projected cost initially of $43 million. But the costs are not all in. There is inadequate parking and facilities will have to be built for at least 7,500 cars. In addition, the streets and highways will need about $8.5 million to make them capable of handling the traffic. Another $10.5 million will be needed for accompanying halls necessary to meet the original pledges of service.

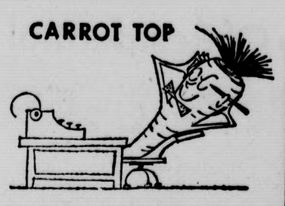
From a taxpayer viewpoint, this is what happened in Seattle. The cost was promoted at $1.21 for 10 years. It now is $1.38 for 40 years for the "average household." And when they do go to their stadium it will be to sit in plastic seats. and on metal benches, not in cushioned seats as originally promised.

The New Orleans super super-dome started out as a $35 million project and at last count had passed $151 million. The probems there have had extensive reporting in recent months. and that, too, might have influenced the Sacramento voters.

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CARROT TOP



a white Christmas with Santa Claus popping down the chimney to the tune of "Jingle Bells" can thank assorted writers and poets and the northern climate. Christmas in the land of Christ's birth, however, is another matter . . . What is Christmas like in Bethlehem?

— CT —

There's generally no snow for one thing, for winters are mild in the Judean Hills around Bethlehem. No Santa Claus listens to children's pleas, for he's an American invention based on a European saint. And there's probably no decorated Christmas tree in the village square; that custom originated in Germany.

— CT —

Instead, the focal point of Christmas in Bethlehem is the Church of St. Mary of the Nativity, supposedly built over the spot where Jesus was born. Here pilgrims from all over the world gather on Christmas Eve. First there is carol-singing in the square facing the church. Then all enter for the solemn midnight mass. After the service, an image of Christ is carried in a procession down into the grotto, and is placed in a manger where it lies until January 6, the Feast of the Epiphany.

— CT —

After this ceremony, some may wander into the fields outside the town, where perhaps shepherds long ago heard the news of the birth of Christ. All this takes place, of course, on the eve of December 25. But that's not the end of Christmas in Bethlehem. For the Eastern Orthodox churches celebrate the holiday on January 6, and the Armenians observe it on January 18, which is January 6 according to the old style, or Julian calendar.

— CT —

Yes, here in America, Christmas has lost some of its meaning . . . to many it is the time of receiving, and then giving, it is the commercial dollar that is accumulated during this period . . . Although this cannot and will not be changed, we implore everyone within reading distance of us to stop and think this Christmas . . . During this busy season, give time to Christ on His birthday, and rejoice in the Freedoms that he has given you . . . It is His birthday you know, so stop and say, "happy birthday' Christ," it will make you feel much, much better that you did.

— CT —

Speaking of America and Freedom, let us ponder the full meaning of those words . . . "America means to me the freedom of the individual . . . the right to dream, to hope, to plan, to live one's own life, to build one's future . . . and to know that my plan will go on living in my children's future. To me, this freedom means everything. It is what God gave man and it is what makes life worth living." Could you define it better?

— CT —

This is the close of the Christmas season, we at the Sierra Madre News are a tired bunch . . . We have enjoyed a full year, we have topped all records, we have lived a full life, and we are satisfied that we have done the very best we know how in producing the best newspaper possible for those we are dedicated to . . . But all of this has been done only with your help, for this we thank each of you, and end this column this week with a story about a lady motorist that was also tired . . .

— CT —

Stopping at a wayside service station in the desert of Arizona, this lady motorist inquired: "Do you have a rest room?" "Nope," returned the attendant. "When any of us gets tired, we just sits on one of those oil drums."

— CT —

We will close up this week by wishing you all a Merry Christmas from each of us at the Sierra Madre News and only say that when an editor pleases everyone he will be neither sitting nor standing, and he will be in the midst of flowers, I hope, I hope, I hope.

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Maybe you've heard possession is okay in some countries. That's wrong. Or maybe you've heard the laws aren't enforced like they are here. That's wrong, too. Really wrong.

The truth is their drug laws are tough. And they enforce them. To the letter.

Mexico, for example, demands a two to nine year sentence for possession of anything. Carrying stuff in or out of the country will put you in jail for six to fifteen years.

There's a 24 year old girl from the United States sitting in a jail outside of Rome right now. She'll be there for six to ten months waiting for a trial. And after that she can get up to eight years.

In Spain, after you've been sentenced, you can't take your case to a higher court. You're all through. And nobody can get you out.

Those are facts. And there's no way around them. That's why over 900 Americans are doing time in foreign jails.

Check the countries you'll be visiting. One fact will come through. Loud and clear.

When you're busted for drugs over there, you're in for the hassle of your life.

Mexico.
Possession, 2 to 9 years plus fine. Trafficking, 3 to 10 years plus fine. Illegal import or export of drugs, 6 to 15 years plus fine. Persons arrested on drug charges can expect a minimum of 6 to 12 months pre-trial confinement.
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Stockholm, Sweden
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PUC Says 70% Of Residential Users Would Not Pay ARCO

"Most residential customers of Southern California Gas Company will be exempt from paying any portion of the rate increase which became effective Sunday," president D. W. Holmes of the California Public Utilities Commission said.

The $29,838,000 increase approved by the PUC last November 18 was granted to cover the first production payments under terms of an Atlantic Richfield-SoCal Gas contract to secure rights to Northern Alaska gas.

Holmes said that 70 per cent of residential gas bills each year were for 75 therms or less, the "lifetime" quantity adopted by he PUC for exemption from any part of the increase.

Under the "lifeline" concept, residential users who can conserve energy will be rewarded with such exemptions or slight increases, while larger consumers will pay substantially more.

For instance, the customer using 75 therms of gas a month will continue to pay $12.31, with no part of the bill going for the ARCO project.

A user of 100 therms will pay $15.39, with 13 cents, or 0.85 per cent going to ARCO. A very large residential user of 450 therms will pay $58.64, with $2, or 3.53 per cent going for the ARCO project.

Holmes noted that in recent weeks several customers of the gas company have mailed checks for payment of their bills to the PUC in protest to the contract.

"While we sympathize with their feelings," Holmes said, "this Commission has no recourse but to return their checks. The rate being charged by the gas company is technically correct and must be paid to avoid discontinuance of service."

The PUC reluctantly approved the ARCO-SoCal Gas project on August 1, saying it did so only out of necessity to avoid a serious shortage of natural gas for Southern Californians in the early 1980's.

"We feel it is basically unfair to burden the consumer with exploration and development costs which, until recent years, have been traditionally funded by private investors," Holmes said.

"However, in 1970 the Federal Power Commission began to approve arrangements whereby consumers in effect were required to advance free capital for gas producers.

"It is this national policy which made it imperative for the Public Utilities Commission to approved the ARCO contract. Had we not done so, ARCO could have sold the same rights to any number of buyers outside California under the FPC policy, and Californians would have faced a very critical shortage of natural gas in the 1980's."

The PUC has urged the FPC to end its advance payments policy and is awaiting a statement from that agency.

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